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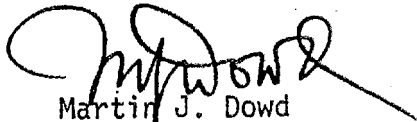
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We have reviewed the UDIS proposal relating to a National Policy on Damage Assessments and have found it to be useful and constructive. This Department tends to agree with the proposal for National level guidance, with an emphasis on guidance rather than control. Such guidance should set out broad minimum requirements in the assessment process, while giving agencies reasonable parameters in which to operate.

The policy should recognize, however, that such latitude may tend to encourage some agencies to apply only the minimum required procedures. In the formulation of policy details, it should be recognized that the information security practices of different agencies are widely varied, often being influenced by manpower resources and the volumes and levels of classified processed. For example, while a cabinet level department may currently have a damage assessment data base of its own, most small agencies have never even considered establishment of such a data base.

Nevertheless, the Department of Energy concurs with, and supports the UDIS proposal on Damage Assessments.

Sincerely,


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